

Glenpool Church of Christ

The Fall of Babylon

Nimrod was perhaps the greatest architect in human history having built both Babel, Nineveh, and many other cities (Genesis 10:8-14). But this great rebel fell from the edge of this world and left all that he built to others. One of his later successors, Nebuchadnezzar, reportedly funded the construction of the hanging gardens of Babylon, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. The historian Herodotus wrote that Babylon's splendor surpassed that of any city in the world and the capitol city's outer walls were 56 miles in length, 80 feet thick, and 320 feet high. This supposed master builder took great pride in all that he had built; "The king spoke, saying, 'Is not this great Babylon, that have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty (Daniel 4:30)?'" But the king, the city, and her impressive protective walls have all fallen from their high place (Jeremiah 51:58).

Solomon, also an accomplished architect, learned this lesson before losing his footing upon this earth. "I made my works great, I built myself houses, and planted my vineyards (Ecclesiastes 2:4)." However, the wise man had learned that even those accomplishments were all vanity as he would die and leave his works behind. Among his great engineering achievements was the magnificent temple in Jerusalem (2 Chronicles 3), but in time even it fell along with the city itself (2 Chronicles 36:19).

Jesus told the story of a certain rich man who received an over abundant yield from his crops and determined to tear down his insufficient barns and construct greater grain treasuries so that he might take his ease and enjoy his great wealth (Luke 12:16-21). "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided (v.20)?'"

Most of the souls in this world are themselves architects to one degree or another, building a kingdom for themselves which will not long stand (Matthew 7:26-27) nor will be able to keep them from falling. All the Babylons fall eventually (Isaiah 21:9, Revelation 18:2) as well as all the works of man (2 Peter 3:10). There is only one Master Builder's work that is secure (Daniel 2:44, 1 Peter 2:5). There is only one city so glorious that will endure forever (Hebrews 11:16, Revelation 21:2-3). Those who build their lives upon Jesus will stand firm forever (Matthew 7:24-25) but for those who reject Him, great will be their fall (Mark 12:9-11). Many seek to build works to make a name for themselves (Genesis 11:4) – don't fall for it. It will only come to naught. But if you so desire, the Carpenter's Son has prepared a place for you in that eternal home (John 14:2-3). "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it (Psalm 127:1a)."

by Billy Alexander

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YOUNG FAMILIES

Edwin Whittlesey,

ADMINISTRATION

SECRETARY

Karen Brown

Belong. Learn. Serve.

TEACHER'S MEETING

The teachers and helpers for 3rd grade and down are asked to come to a meeting **this afternoon at 4:15**. Debbie is wanting to familiarize our teachers with the new supply room , get your feed back on some items, etc. If you are thinking about being a teacher or helper in the future please come.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please consider collecting the Box Tops for Education. With us doing extra baking for the holidays this would be a good time to collect these box tops for Hope Harbor. A list of products has been inserted into the bulletin and a container is on the desk in the foyer for these box tops. Thank you!



Living The Word

Folks go to church on Sunday,
And think they 'have it made,'
But there are six more days in which
To practice what we've prayed.

You can't just read the scriptures,
You have to live them, too,
And in your soul you must believe
God knows what's best for you.

Life takes a lot more giving,
Than most of us condone,
But everything belongs to God
...And nothing is our own.

His Servants

They are the servants of the Lord
Who try to do His will,
And look to Him for courage while
They struggle up the hill,
Who love their neighbors as themselves
And minister their needs,
With friendliness and sympathy,
And with their kindly deeds.

Their song is one of happiness
In sunshine and in rain,
And even though their plans go wrong,
They never once complain.
They are servants of the Lord
Who dedicate their day
To living better lives on earth
According to His way.

They are the true, unselfish souls
Who ask for no reward,
Except to be eternally
The servants of the Lord.



Sunday, Nov 13

Teacher's meeting for 3rd grade and under at 4:15
Leadership meeting at 3:00
Young Families dinner after evening services

Wednesday, Nov 16

Teen lead devo

Friday, Nov 18

Senior Saints luncheon at 12:30

Wednesday, Nov 23

Wednesday night services moved to Tuesday Nov 22nd—Singing

Thursday, Nov 24

Thanksgiving - the office will be closed Thursday & Friday

5th Wednesday of November

We will have regular services and classes

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Our sympathy goes out to Bob and Betty Simmons after the passing of Betty's sister, Louella Mae Pry. Her services will be on Monday at 2:00 at Chapman-Black Funeral Home in Cleveland.
- Ruth Henry had a mild heart attack after the earthquake in Cushing; it moved her furniture and the chair she was sitting in across the room (she is one of our older ladies who is now home bound). The family would appreciate prayers.
- Barbara Vaughan's son, Eric Vaughan, continues to have health problems.
- Joel and Kathleen Pence are expecting a baby girl in a few days, the ultra sounds show the baby is very small and may have problems. Please pray for them and the baby at this stressful time (they are Jean Brown's grand children).
- Pray for our country and its leaders
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear;

Long Term Prayer List: Eric Vaughan (heart surgery); Henry Lack (dizziness); Stephanie White (pain); Dolores Scherman; Alan Trimble (ALS); Wayne Morgan; Rosalie O'Neal (kidneys); Ruth Henry; Shelby family;

LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership meeting today at 3:00

YOUNG FAMILIES

Young Families dinner today at 6:00 pm



Youth News

- **Carson Hallsted** can name the Fruits of the Spirit.
- **Harper Senn** can know the names of the New Testament books.
- **Brody & Colton Harris** can quote Psalms chapter 23.
Keep up the good work everyone!

THANK YOU

A big Thank You goes out to the Whittlesey family for hosting a devotional at their home.

THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT

This coming Wednesday night our young men will lead us in our devotional. Class time will be shortened by 10 minutes or so.

NEXT WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesday, Nov 23 services will be moved to Tuesday, Nov 22 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. This will be a singing night—no classes. The 5th Wednesday of November we will have our regular classes.

SENIOR SAINTS

The Senior Saints will have a Thanksgiving luncheon in the fellowship room on Friday, Nov 18 at 12:30. We plan to cater the turkey and trimmings. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend so we can determine an appropriate order of food. We are also planning a Thanksgiving game to add to the enjoyment. If you have questions see Bobby Hill.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jesse Byers, Nov 13
Bill Dowdy, Nov 13
Shirley Hill, Nov 15
Mickey Hecht, Nov 17
Bob Burrus, Nov 18

Natasha Yocham, Nov 19
Jared Collett, Nov 20
Melinda Jones, Nov 25
Earline Lierly, Nov 27
Oliver Tuggle, Nov 27

Topper & Melissa Causby, Dec 1
Zac Caldwell, Dec 5
Karen Brown, Dec 5
Jerry Morgan, Dec 12
Henry Lack, Dec 12

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	Randy Crawford
Table	1. Sonny Pulliam 2. Robert Hallsted 3. David Tenison 4. Johnny Riggs 5. Ryan McCafferty 6. Topper Causby
Scripture Reading	Larry Killebrew
Closing Prayer	Bob Howard

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	Edwin Whittlesey
Table	1. David Tenison 2. Robert Hallsted
Closing Prayer	Larry Potter

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Young Men
Opening Prayer	.
Devotional	
Closing Prayer	.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$4,899
Budget	\$4,625
Over Budget	\$1,196

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	158
Sunday AM Worship	218
Sunday PM Worship	98
Wednesday Bible Classes	92

COMMUNION PREPARATION

11/13	Renee Whitchurch
11/20	Barbara Girod
11/27	Mickey Hecht
12/4	Valerie Whittlesey
12/11	Bayla Burrus

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

11/13	Lilia & Rita
11/20	Saundra & Nancy
11/27	Stephanie & Mackayla
12/4	Tonya & Toni
12/11	Debbie & Autumn

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Classes / 9:30 am
 Worship / 10:30 am

SUNDAY EVENING

Devotional & Classes / 5:00 pm
WEDNESDAY
 Devotional & Classes / 7:00 pm

Sunday Morning Sermon

“Prayers for Repentance”

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Benjamin J. Williams

Sunday Evening Devo: Psalm 114

Sunday Evening Classes:

“Evangelism” (Bruce Rothell)

“Prayer” (Benjamin Williams)